

## **SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION WITHHOLDING PLAN**

- Because education is the Governor's number one priority, not only is the foundation formula protected from these withholdings, but so are other direct payments to schools, such as Transportation, Special Education, Gifted, and Parents As Teachers.
- The withholdings included in the plan will not harm public schools or Missouri students.
- The total withheld from the DESE budget is only \$2.6 million. That represents one-tenth of 1 percent of the \$2.6 billion DESE general revenue budget (16 percent of its reserve base).
- The majority of the \$2.6 million in withholdings will come from three sources:
  - \$1,940,300 due to lapse funding in the Safe Schools, Personal Care Assistance and First Steps programs;
  - \$279,794 for reductions in new technology grants; and
  - \$128,541 for DESE administration.
- Although schools are not included in the current withholding, if revenues deteriorate further or if funds from tobacco securitization are not available, a withholding may be necessary later in the fiscal year.